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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet zone)

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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 January 1951, one biplane, four single-engine fighters, and 32 jet fighters with swept wings were counted on the northern edge of the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield. (1) Six of the jet fighters were not covered with tarpaulins.

Truck [REDACTED]

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was seen at the entrance to the field. There was no flying because of rainy weather. Two radio trucks, each with an extended radio mast on top, were parked on the landing field. (2) There were lights in the eastern extension of the runway.

2. On 30 January, jet fighters with swept wings were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. Four of the planes had a rod, about 30 cm high on top of the nose. A red flag, 15x20 cm, was fitted on the rod. (3) The four aircraft which were parked separately

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3. All the jet fighters with swept wings had an antenna rod behind and to the right of the cockpit. The rod tilted to the rear. There was intensive flying throughout the day when the weather was favorable. An average of four jet planes were in the air at a time. The total number of aircraft could not be determined. Two biplanes and two rows, each of 12 to 15 planes, were parked on the northern edge of the field.

4. On 3 February, six jet fighters with swept wings were parked in groups of 2 and 4 in the northeastern corner of the airfield. One biplane and approximately 20 jet fighters with swept wings were in three groups in front of the hangars. All planes had the air intake and air exhaust apertures covered with a red cap. A hole, about the size of the palm of a hand, was seen exactly in the middle of the red front cap. (4) Four planes [REDACTED] had a rod on the nose with the red flag on top. A rod, about 60 to 70 cm high and painted on aluminum color, was seen at the rear section of the cockpit on all four planes. The rod tilted to the rear. No antennae or similar devices were seen under the wings.

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5. The quarters in Finow were still fully occupied. About 400 to 500 air force troops were quartered in the camp of semipermanent buildings on Riesenthalerstrasse and about 300 air force troops were quartered in the camp behind the cemetery. An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 men were quartered in the billets west of Riesenthalerstrasse. (5) Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the guardhouse on Riesenthalerstrasse.

6. Truck [redacted] occupied by ten air force soldiers, left the restricted area 7 km south of Finow, along the road to Riesenthal (N 53/Z 97). (6)

7. No indications of a change in the occupation were seen at the airfield on 7 February. [redacted]

8. On 12 February, there were no indications of a transfer at the airfield. [redacted] motor vehicles [redacted] were also seen.

9. No changes or indications of transfers were seen at the airfield up to 7 February. [redacted]

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The number and type of aircraft observed indicate that the occupation at the Finow airfield has not changed. Two fighter regiments and one fighter division headquarters are believed to be stationed there.
- (2) Flying activity of the two fighter regiments is probably directed from the two radio trucks.
- (3) The utilization of the red flags which were previously reported is not known. It is believed that these flags possibly serve as warning signs if the air intake is covered.
- (4) This information is received for the first time. The purpose of such a hole cannot be explained if the red cap is to serve as protection of the air intake against foreign particles.

(5) [redacted]
(6) A camp which belongs to the Finow airfield is located in the restricted area.

(7) [redacted]

(8) [redacted]

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